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COOPERATION WITH FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Following weeks of careful preparation and planning, an interesting conference was held in Atlanta on July 28-29 in the interest of Farm Forestry in the F. S. A. program.

Attending were about 20 members of Region 5 of the F. S. A. and eight members of the Regional Office, Division of State and Private Forestry. Extension Forester H. C. Carruth also attended and participated in the program and field demonstrations.

The first day was spent in conference discussions of:

1. Forests and the Farm.
2. Farm Woodland Protection
3. Farm Woodland Management
4. Marketing and use of Farm Woodland Products.

Mr. Frate Bull of the F. S. A., and Assistant Regional Forester C. F. Evans led the discussions.

During the second day actual demonstrations of the subjects discussed in the previous meeting were held in the field near Monroe, Ga. A farm woodland management plan was presented and discussed at the site of the study and a 10-acre sample marking was studied. The latter was located on another tract and involved a 100% cut and leave tally of a farm woodland containing a considerable amount of sawlog-size timber in need of an improvement and harvest cutting.

Estimating and measurement of timber stands were also demonstrated and an example of the tire-tube method of fence-post preservative treatment with a 10 percent zinc chloride solution.

A delightful barbecued spring chicken dinner was served at a woodland spring near Winder, Ga., being prepared and served by F. S. A. ladies of Walton County.

Mimeographed material prepared by the Division of State and Private Forestry was distributed to the F. S. A. members and included brief but "meaty" presentations of the forestry facts discussed as applied to farm woodlands. These articles were fittingly illustrated with cartoon-style sketches which introduced an outline figure composed of a rectangle, a circle, and a few straight lines and fittingly dubbed "Frankie Farmer - A Square Fellow". This character was introduced by Claude C. Bell, of the Private Forest Management Section, and promises to go far in driving home concise forest facts for farm folks.

Two of the five Forest Service personnel who are being transferred to the F. S. A. were present at the conference. They were Ed Hawes and Paul Russell and both contributed to the success of the meeting.

- - C. W. Strauss
Regional Office

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THE CRADLE OF AMERICAN FORESTRY

The Southern Region, the youngest of the regions making up the national forest system, cradled the beginning of scientific forestry in this country. The Pisgah National Forest is interesting not only for its trout fishing and scenic beauty, but also because of its associations with the early careers of men destined to lead in the movement for forest conservation in the United States.

E. H. Frothingham in the May issue of American Forests tells the story in a delightful manner under the caption: "Biltmore--Fountain-Head of Forestry in America". Those who find stimulation in the drama of Forest Service history will read with deep enjoyment what Mr. Frothingham had to say of Biltmore forestry as "A going concern at a time when there was not a single American Forest school and when there was only one American born, technically educated forester --Gifford Pinchot."

Scientific forestry has had a tremendous growth since the days when the Biltmore Forest School was the only school in the United States devoted exclusively to the teaching of technical forestry. Our pride of achievement, however, should not lessen our appreciation of the efforts of those men with the vision to know what it would mean to teach others how to CARE for and how to SAVE American forests.

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Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open.

- - Lord Thomas Dewar

IMPRESSIONS

"Uniform", according to our old friend Webster, means "having always the same form, manner or degree; not varying or variable; interchanging; homogeneous, or, again, "presenting an undiversified appearance of surface, pattern or color". The uniforms worn by Forest officers at a recent field meeting, however, led me to conclude that in the present fast-moving world, apparently this definition has been greatly modified. There was a general "hue of greenness" about the clothes worn at the meeting, but uniformity - no.

First, "the uniform" coats were absent because it was warm, but trousers varied from slacks of ancient lineage to new ones. Few had recently been to the presser, and there were some chokebores of khaki and several shades of green. A Washington representative wore neatly pressed trousers, old-style green and there was one dark blue-green pair which looked like a cross between a uniform and a blue serge suit.

Shoes, that most important item of field attire - varied from low cut tans and blacks with remnants of Pullman porter shines to boots - both high and low - many with traces of last season's mud still lurking in cracks and crevices. Shines were conspicuous by their absence, and some of the footwear looked like "left-overs".

Shirts varied from white through all shades of tans and greens and the ties of various age classes in color from dark green to faded light green and bronze. And one man rather sheepishly presented a blue tie which he said he had bought for green the night before. And then the hats - from standard green to blues, and even straw!

Truly a motley crowd, with only a "theme song" of Forest Service standard uniforms. Indeed the variations were such as to make one wonder if there was a standard. Two badges only were present. The two host rangers really showed up the crowd with their standard uniforms and polished boots.

You field men who were not at the meeting may now judge from the fore-going what "the well-dressed Forest Officer" will wear in 1941. Maybe it will be standard and maybe not, but if you're betting here's a tip. Bet the old against the new - the soiled against the clean - the wrinkled against the pressed - the muddy against the polished - the off-color against the green and the odds will be with you.

- - Joseph C. Kircher,
Regional Forester

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DATA

Over the breakfast table the discussion between a Regional Office Inspector, a District Ranger, and a CCC Foreman had swung to reports and paperwork.

"A record of incoming and outgoing mail was kept in my office for the C. Y. 1940", said the ranger. "I'll give you each one guess as to how many letters, memoranda, reports, and so forth were tallied." "Nine hundred", guessed the foreman. "No, that's too many", said the Inspector. Two hundred and fifty". "Twelve thousand", said the ranger.

The summary of the actual record is tabulated below.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Memoranda, letters, written reports, etc.</u>	<u>Forms</u>	<u>Total</u>
C	8	0	8
D	12	0	12
O	371	1654	2025
I	76	24	100
K	147	154	301
F	223	163	391
E	85	28	113
G	11	0	11
S	456	671	1127
W	26	5	31
A	434	4760	5194
L	182	54	236
LP	11	0	11
U	430	311	741
P	8	0	8
CCC	601	237	838
B	16	0	16
M	11	0	11
Undetermined	0	90	90
	<u>5113</u>	<u>8151</u>	<u>11264</u>

Who said the District Ranger doesn't need a clerk?

- - G. H. Griswold
Pisgah

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OCALA FOREST TRACT TURNED OVER TO ARMY

Final arrangements have been completed for turning over to the Army Air Corps a 24,000 acre tract on the Ocala National Forest. This tract to be used as a bombing target is located southeast of the Central tower and takes in part of the game refuge. Supervisor Albert advised that fire protection measures would be taken and that a two mile circle around the area would be fireproof. Work is to start immediately and the entire area would be fenced and posted.

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COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL LAND BANKS

At the request of the Farm Credit Administration, a speaker was provided by the Forest Service to address two meetings of Secretary-treasurers of national farm loan associations held August 1 at Albany, Georgia and August 5 at Atlanta.

Carl Strauss handled the job and he reports that both audiences took to Farm Forestry in an unusually alert and interested manner. Charts prepared by Artist Harry Rossoll for the F. S. A. conference were used to emphasize and illustrate certain farm woodland information. Enlarged photographs of good and bad cutting practices were loaned for the occasion by General Manager Frank Heyward, Jr., of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association and, like the charts, proved to be very effective.

Additional meetings will be held in South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama during August and in Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana during early September.

This type of cooperation with other Federal agencies shows promise of bringing additional messages of forest conservation to farm woodland owners and at the same time further acquainting men who control the loan purse strings with some of the farmers' woodland problems. The Forest Service is hopeful of the outcome of these joint meetings and discussions in promoting better forestry for farm woodlands.

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RECORD SALE OF WHITE OAK ON OZARK

Acting Forest Supervisor Hugh S. Redding, Russellville, Arkansas, announced that an 8000 acre tract of white oak in Franklin and Johnson counties on the Ozark National Forest was let by competitive sealed bids on Tuesday, July 29. Louisville Cooperage Company of Louisville, Kentucky was the successful bidder at \$35 per thousand board feet plus \$.50 per thousand board feet for cooperative work. This bid on an estimated 950,000 board feet of timber is thought to be the highest price ever obtained for white oak stumpage for cooperage purposes.

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The friends of Sister Mary Lawrence, who, as Miss Sadie Reynolds, was attached to the Regional Office, Division of Engineering for several years, are saddened at news of her death which occurred on July 23. Miss Reynolds resigned from the Forest Service in 1936 and entered Mt. St. Agnes convent at Baltimore, Maryland. Sister Lawrence was one of a group of Sisters of Mercy on an all-day outing at Riviera Beach near Baltimore and was drowned after she had rescued four other sisters who had fallen into a sink hole while wading a short distance from shore.

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TIMELY COOPERATION

In several instances local residents have presented information, some verbal and others in writing, relative to occurrence of timber trespass. In a majority of cases the trespass was minor, but in any event information to the effect that a trespass was active proved valuable in elimination of larger and/or major cases.

An illustration of a written message is presented as follows:

"U. S. Forest Service,
Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir:

It might would interest you very much to do some investigation concerning some timber cutting at once. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles East Pennington.

John Doe
Groveton, Texas."

In every instance the informant is contacted, either by letter or in person, as a means to express appreciation of the deed and give encouragement for continued cooperation.

Assistance by local people, in connection with reporting of timber trespass, as well as fires, has been very helpful in administration and protection of the Davy Crockett.

- - Gilbert H. Stradt,
Texas

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PISGAH GATEWAY DEDICATED

More than 500 residents of North Carolina and nearby states gathered at the entrance to Pisgah National Forest near Brevard Sunday afternoon, August 3 to attend the ceremonies dedicating a memorial gateway into beautiful and historical Pisgah National Forest, to the memory of Transylvania County soldiers who lost their lives in the First World War.

The impressive gateway of native stones was constructed by CCC enrollees of the John Rock Camp NCF-28. It was presented by Regional Forester Kircher and accepted by Ralph R. Fisher, Commander of the local American Legion Post. Supervisor Bosworth of the Pisgah National Forest was present and extended a cordial invitation to the public to visit, use and enjoy their national forest at any and all times.

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LIBRARY LINES

THE PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIZATION, by James D. Mooney and Alan C. Reiley.
Harper and Bros. (c1939) 223 p. \$3.00 (249-M)

This recent accession to the Regional Library is a revision of the authors' book, "Onward industry!" which appeared in 1931. The new edition adds to the material in the earlier book a discussion of the ever-growing pressure of the extension of government on industrial organization.

Herbert G. Knoch, of the Division of Operation, has prepared the comment which follows:

"This book contains the clues to such administrative problems as the increasing demands for more precise descriptions of the responsibilities of everyone throughout the Forest Service organization; the need for subsequent strict adherence to classification standards; and the clearer delineation of advancement opportunities for each worker from the newest enrollee on up. To the progressive Forest Officer it is 'must' reading.

"While the purpose of the authors is to clarify generally the laws which govern organized efforts, the application of these laws to our own organization becomes simple and of relatively easy attainment, if the reader at all times will project the Forest Service into the subject matter, and will consider the suggestions objectively, wherever they may have constructive application."

- - - Rachel Lane,
Librarian -

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MARCH ON

The latest recruit for this column, about whom we have had news, is Kenneth Coleman, former Regional Office member, who has been drafted from his teaching job to the Recreation Center at Fort McPherson, Ga. We venture to suggest that in years to come Kenneth probably will compile the most impressive historical tome relating to the wars in which the present world is involved. Your editor predicts this because she has received a copy of a historical paper with Kenneth's by-line and the further identification "Reprinted from the Georgia Historical Quarterly".

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HOW FAR CAN YOU SEE?

Did you ever try looking around a corner before you got to it? Or visualize yourself eating a good meal when you were hungry 30 minutes before lunch time? Or have you ever pictured in your mind's eye that home you hope some day to own. Do you ever build dream castles, paint pictures, anticipate coming events or pleasures? Can you see a full-grown forest where only seedlings now grow? If so, you have imagination! We all have it - to a greater or less extent - but we are prone not to exercise it to our fullest ability and advantage. We do not project our vision and thought as far into the future for a look-see as our ability might permit. And anything less than full foresight is shortsightedness.

A blind man must of necessity grope his way carefully along life's pathway depending almost entirely upon his sense of touch, hearing, and imagination. And we with good eyesight are filled with sympathy and say, "What a pity!" But the situation should be just the reverse; the blind man should be directing his sympathies at us. For even though he is so handicapped it is quite likely that he stumbles less and sees more, and is just as conscious of what goes on around him, as some of us whose eyes test a perfect 20-20. Now the moral of this thought is not that we should poke out our eyes to improve ourselves, but rather that we should strive to perfect to a greater degree those senses which the blind man must of necessity depend upon, and, by so doing, has surpassed us.

Very few worthwhile things have ever happened or been created by accident. It has always been man's ability to project his vision into the future, to foresee his difficulties, anticipate his needs, and by this perception to plan his actions and conduct, that has enabled him successfully to create and achieve almost anything reasonably possible that he might picture in his mind. The more clearly he has painted that picture and viewed the objective, however distant, the easier has been his task of accomplishment.

Are we content to drift sleepily along with the current and hope the sailing will be smooth? Or should we sit up in the boat and watch for the rapids and waterfalls ahead? Good eyesight is priceless but only by imagination and foresight are we able to glimpse far in future, whatever objectives we might wish to create, and thus steer our course straight and true.

How far can you see?

- - Herbert Daniels
Southern Forest Experiment Station

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TIMBER BUSINESS FY 1941 REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH

In fiscal year 1940 the value of timber business on the national forests amounting to \$4,806,729 merely broke the record established in 1930 when the value of timber cut totaled \$4,789,703. In fiscal year 1941, however, the all-time high was reached with a value of timber cut of \$5,803,313.

This value of \$5,803,313 represents a volume of 1,552,270 MBM cut in commercial and S-22 sales and 515,009 MBM cut in land exchanges. It includes \$41,394 cut in forest products not reducible to board feet.

Region 8 figured highly in this total and itself broke all past records with a total cut of nearly 176 million board feet, valued at \$1,170,427. This included land exchange timber amounting to over 6 million board feet and valued at \$57,662.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

Warren R. Anderson, Section I Head on the Mississippi, has been called to active military duty. During his absence his position will be occupied by John E. Hamer who has been promoted and transferred from the Nantahala Supervisor's office.

Thomas J. Hunt, Principal Clerk in the Texas Supervisor's office, has been promoted to Junior Administrative Assistant and transferred to the Regional Division of Operation.

Probationary appointment has been effected for Perry S. Broom as Assistant Messenger in the Regional Division of Operation.

Transfer has been effected for Louis B. Anderson of the Regional Division of Fiscal Control to the Nantahala Supervisor's office, where he is assigned as Senior Clerk in charge of Section I.

Miss Edna Earl Swinney has been probationally appointed as Junior Clerk-Stenographer and is assigned to the Savannah NSCP.

Abstractor William B. Collins on the Armuchee District of the Chattahoochee has tendered his resignation to enter the private practice of law.

More personnel changes:

As we go to press we are advised of the following changes:

Forest Supervisor Willis C. Branch is being transferred from the Chattahoochee to the Ozark as Supervisor.

Assistant Supervisor Hugh S. Redding is being promoted and transferred from the Ozark to the supervisorship of the Chattahoochee.

Assistant Supervisor William C. Callender on the Kisatchie succeeds Mr. Redding on the Ozark.

Gaylord A. Knight, Communications Assistant on the Cherokee has been promoted to Assistant Radio Engineer and is transferred to the Regional Division of Operation.

William F. Duncan of the Tellico Ranger District is being transferred to the Pisgah as Assistant Supervisor, and is being succeeded on the Cherokee by William W. Huber transferred from the Chattahoochee.

District Forest Ranger R. V. Miles, Jr. is being transferred from the Cherokee to the Oakmulgee Ranger District on the Talladega National Forest. Mr. Miles is succeeded by A. E. Mandeville, who is being transferred to Cleveland from Charleston, S. C.

Management Staff Assistant Edward M. Gaines is being transferred to the Regional Office, Division of Timber Management, from the Cherokee and is succeeded on that forest by J. J. Welch from the Mississippi National Forests.

James A. Averell, Assistant Supervisor on the Nantahala is being transferred to a new Associate Forester position in the Division of Timber Management, Regional Office.

Norman R. Hawley, Assistant Forester in the Supervisors's office of the South Carolina, succeeds Averell on the Nantahala.

Gordon A. Hammon, Junior Forester on the Florida has been promoted to Assistant Forester timber management staff position on the Pisgah to succeed Ernest A. Harris, who is being transferred to the Regional Division of State and Private Forestry.

THE LOOKOUT

Associate Regional Forester Stabler has returned from an extended detail in the Washington Office.

The August issue of the National Geographic in its consistently interesting manner, prints a North Carolina article with the intriguing title "Tarheelia on Parade". Paraded in one of those excellent color-photographs is a group enjoying the profusion of bloom atop Craggy Gardens. You will recognize them as Assistant Supervisor John Squires and his photogenic family.

Recommended reading - "This is Forestry" by G. H. Lentz whom we still miss in the Regional Office.

Recent Office visitors were:

C. F. Speh, Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering, Washington
A. R. Spillens, Region 7, Washington
J. A. Fitzwater, S&PF, Washington
W. S. Swingler, Region 7, Washington
Thomas Lotti, Appalachian Experiment Station
Director McArdle, Appalachian Experiment Station
Director E. L. Dennon, Southern Forest Experiment Station
Thomas D. Burleigh, Fish and Wildlife Service, New Orleans
P. R. Wheeler, Southern Forest Experiment Station
D. L. Dorward, SCS, Hinesville, Ga.
Georga Ward, Southern Forest Experiment Station
W. C. Branch, Chattahoochee National Forest
E. N. Renshaw, Florida Forests, Tallahassee
Brooks Toler, State Forester, Montgomery, Ala.
W. C. Hammerle, Assistant State Forester, South Carolina
O. R. Douglass, Assistant State Forester, Florida

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